

# **Baraboo Economic Development Commission**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **June 6, 2019**

#### **I. Call to Meeting to Order and Note Compliance with Open Meeting Law**

Chair Jim Bowers called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM at the Sauk County Law Enforcement Center, 1300 Lange Court, Baraboo, WI. The meeting was noticed in conformance with Wisconsin State Statutes regarding open meetings.

#### **II. Roll Call**

Present: Bowers, Ayar (6:25), Caflisch, Johnson, Palm, Reppen, Ryan, Taylor, Wastlund, White

Absent: Alt, Manson

Other: Patrick Cannon

#### **III. Approve Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda as presented

Taylor (1); Johnson (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

#### **IV. Approve Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes for May 2, 2019

White (1); Caflisch (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

#### **V. Public Comment**

No one from the public wished to speak at this time.

Introduction of Mr. Greg Manson as a new BEDC member - Mr. Manson was unable to attend this meeting

Presentation and facility tour by Sheriff Chip Meister.

Sheriff Meister provided a background on the current facility and the number of inmates that they are permitted to house at one time. He also indicated that the Sheriff's department has 131 employees.

The employees are in two groups. One group is the patrol and the other at the jail facility.

The jail facility has several areas based upon the mental functions, gender and seriousness of the offense. Each inmate has a very strict procedure to be housed at the facility. The jail division also has a Huber Section in which inmates are permitted to leave for work purposes.

Sheriff Meister indicated that drugs and drug related crimes are one of the major problems facing Sauk County and the entire region. The other major problem is human trafficking. With the close proximity to the interstate highway system and the Wisconsin Dells tourism traffic, this problem continues to grow.

#### **VI. Old Business**

##### **a. Updates on Development Activities**

Mayor Palm indicated that the Wisconsin League of Municipalities recently aired a film clips regarding the poor condition of the roads in the area. He also indicated that a recent Senate proposal was to use one time funding for road repairs, but none of the funds were to be made available to Cities of Villages.

The Mayor also indicated that the City is in the process of hiring a consultant to serve as the facilitator for the hiring of the City Administrator position. Also, the City Council will be holding a goal setting session on July 10, 2019.

It was also noted that over 100 people attended the city Council meeting requesting that the Library project be accelerated in the Capital Projects plan.

**b. Updates from Plan Commission and Council**

These updates were included under the Development Activities.

**c. Update from economic development partners and collaborators**

- Ms. Caflisch indicated that the Balanced Rock Winery will be open soon. She also indicated that a new Ice Cream facility has opened in downtown Baraboo.
- Mr. White continued to stress the housing needs in Sauk County.
- Ms. Ryan indicated that a group she is affiliated with is now called “power Up” They are working on renewable energy programs with the middle schools.

**VII. New Business**

**a. Election of BEDC officers**

**1. Chair**

Nomination of John Alt to serve as the Chair  
Palm (1)

Motion to close nomination and unanimously elect John Alt as the Chair  
Palm (1)  
Aye: All (via voice vote)  
Nay: None

**1. Vice-Chair**

Nomination of Jim Bowers to serve as the Vice- Chair  
Wastlund (1)

Motion to close nomination and unanimously elect Jim Bowers as the Vice-Chair  
Palm (1)  
Aye: All (via voice vote)  
Nay: None

**1. Secretary**

Nomination of Musa Ayar to serve as the Secretary  
White (1)

Motion to close nomination and unanimously elect Musa Ayar as the Secretary  
Palm (1)  
Aye: All (via voice vote)  
Nay: None

**b. Consideration and discussion of changing the date/time for the July, 2019 meeting**

It was noted that the next regular meeting of BEDC is set for July 4, 2019. After considerable discussion the Commission felt that they should cancel the July meeting and therefore the next meeting will be in August.

Motion:

To cancel the July, 2019 BEDC meeting and hold the next BEDC meeting on August 1, 2019  
Palm (1); Taylor (2)  
Aye: All via voice vote  
Nay: None

**VII. Update Partner Presentation Schedule**

No updates were provided.

**VIII. Commissioner and City Staff comments**

No member wished to make a comment

**IX. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:57 pm.

White (1); Caflisch (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

Jim Bowers  
Chairperson

Patrick Cannon  
Recorder